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for

ARIZONA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE...SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE,

SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

and

ARIZONA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Data included in this report were obtained by the agencies named above in cooperation with the Federal, State and private organizations listed on the last page of this report.

FEB. 1, 1962

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

To Recipients of Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Fortunately, most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from fore-knowledge of the runoff.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, about 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

By relating snow survey measurements taken over a period of years to spring-summer runoff during the same period, relationships have been developed which make it possible to forecast seasonal runoff several months in advance of occurrence. In order to make a forecast, once a forecast relationship has been developed, the maximum snow water content at previously selected key snow courses is usually entered in the forecast relationship. More accurate forecasts are often obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast relationships.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions.

| | PUBLISHED BY SOIL | CONSERVATION SERVICE | |
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| REPORTS | ISSUED | LOCATION | COOPERATING WITH |
| RIVER BASINS | | | |
| Colorado and State of Utah | _ MONTHLY (JANJUNE)_ | | UTAH STATE ENGINEER AND OTHER AGENCIES |
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| WASHINGTON | _ MONTHLY (FEB JUNE)_ | . SPOKANE, WASHINGTON | WN. STATE DEPT. OF CONSERVATION |
| WYOMING | _ MONTHLY (FEB JUNE) | CASPER, WYOMING. | WYOMING STATE ENGINEER |
| Copies of these | various reports may be s | Secured from: Head, Water Supply For Soil Conservation Ser P.O. Box 4170, Portla | rvice |
| | PUBLISHED BY | Y OTHER AGENCIES | |
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and FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS for **ARIZONA**

(Salt, Verde, Gila and Part of Lower Colorado River Basin)

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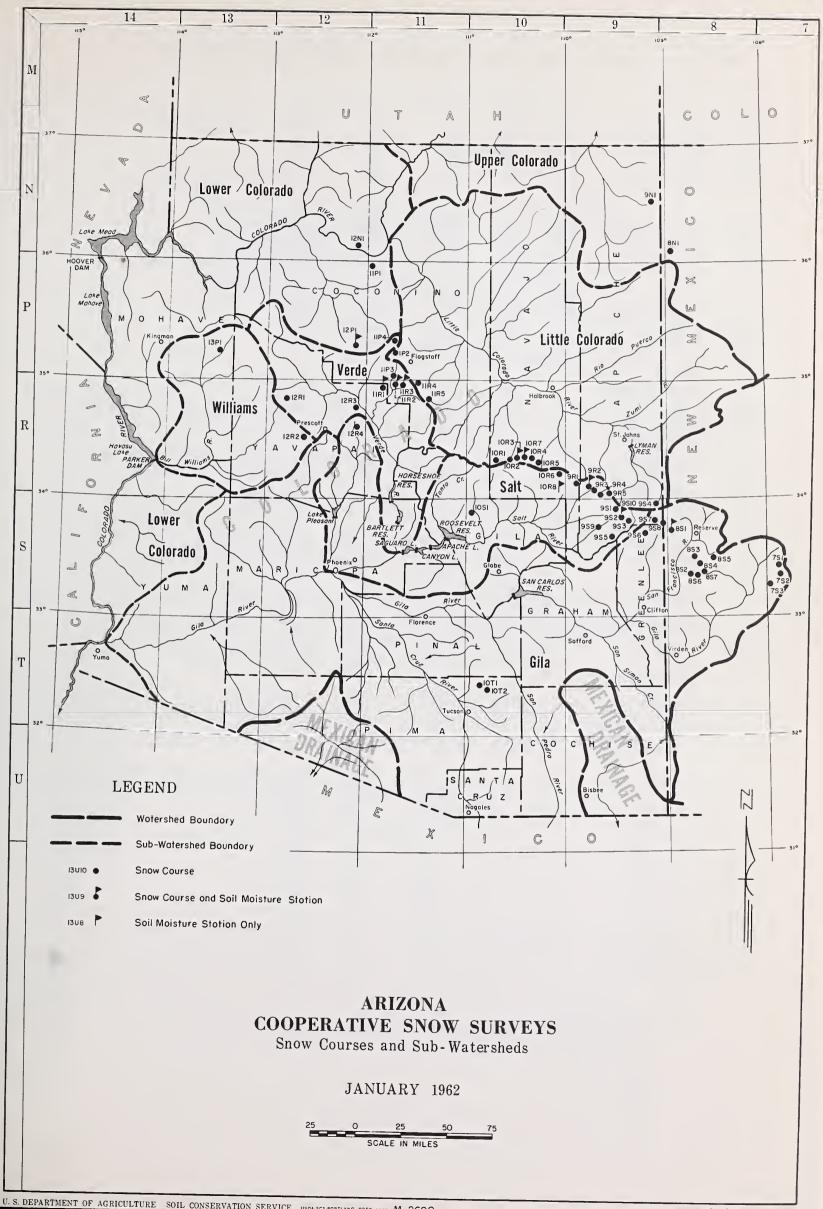
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INDEX to SNOW COURSES and SOIL MOISTURE STATIONS

| NUMBER 3⊖8 | NAME | SEC | TWP | RGE *** | ELEVATION | RIVER BASIN |
|---|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 11P3 9S1 10T1 9S6 9S3 | Antelope Park Baldy (p) Bear Wallow Beaver Head Big Lake Knoll | 29 28 6 13 2 | 19n 7n 12s 4n 5n | 8E 27E 16E 30E 28E | 7300 9125 8100 8000 8800 | VerdeDiscontinued Salt-Little Colorado Gila Salt-Frisco Salt-Frisco-Little Colorado Discontinued |
| 753 9510-* 12N1 12R1 10R3-M | Black Canyon Black River Divide Bright Angel Camp Wood Canyon Creek | 8 11 34 3 18 | 13S 6N 33N 16N 11N | 11W**** 27E 3E 6W 15E | 6790 9100 8400 5700 7500 | GilaDiscontinued Salt-Little Colorado Lower Colorado Williams-Verde Salt-Little ColoradoReplaced by 10R7-M |
| 10R7-M | Canyon Creek #2 | 18 | 11N | 15E | 7500 | Salt-Little Colorado Verde Verde Salt Salt Not Read |
| 11R2-M | Casner Park | 19 | 18N | 8E | 6930 | |
| 12P1-M | Chalender | 27 | 22N | 3E | 7100 | |
| 10R8-* | Corduroy Creek | Lat.3400 | 7'N. Lon | g.110008'W. | § 6000 | |
| 9S9 | Corn Creek (p) | Lat.3304 | 5'N. Lon | g.109045'W. | § 7730 | |
| 853 | Corner Mountain | 7 | 105 | 17W**** | 8850 | Gila-Frisco Not Read Salt-Frisco Salt-Little ColoradoDiscontinued Salt-Little Colorado Verde-Little Colorado |
| 957 | Coronado Trail | 26 | 5N | 30E | 8000 | |
| 10R2 | Elk | 31 | 11N | 14E | 7600 | |
| 10R6 | Forest Dale | 2 | 9N | 21E | 6430 | |
| 11P2 | Fort Valley | 22 | 22N | 6E | 7350 | |
| 9R5 | Ft. Apache | 18 | 7N | 27E | 9160 | Salt-Little Colorado |
| 8S1-M | Frisco Divide | 31 | 6S | 20W**** | 8000 | Frisco-Gila |
| 12R4 | Gaddes Canyon | 11 | 15N | 2E | 7600 | Verde-Agua Fria |
| 10R5 | Gentry | 36 | 11N | 15E | 7600 | Salt |
| 11P1 | Grand Canyon | 21 | 30N | 4E | 7500 | Lower Colorado |
| 11R5 | Happy Jack | 30 | 17N | 9E | 7630 | Verde |
| 10R4 | Heber (p) | 28 | 11N | 15E | 7600 | Salt-Little Colorado |
| 8S6 | Ice King | 6 | 11S | 18W | 8020 | Frisco-Gila |
| 7 S2 | Inman | 6 | 11S | 10W**** | 7800 | Gila |
| 12R2 | Iron Springs | 22 | 14N | 3 ^W | 6200 | Williams-Verde |
| 9S2 | Maverick Fork (p) | 13 | 6n | 27E | 9050 | Salt Not Read Salt-Little Colorado Salt Verde-Agua Fria |
| 9R4 | McKay Peak | 13 | 7n | 24E | 8250 | |
| 9R2-M | McNary | 14 | 8n | 2 3 E | 7200 | |
| 9R1 | Milk Ranch | 28 | 8n | 23E | 7000 | |
| 12R3 | Mingus Mountain | 3 | 15n | 2E | 7100 | |
| 8s2 | Mogollon | 2 | 11S | 19W**** | 7000 | Frisco-Gila Verde-Little Colorado Verde Verde Gila |
| 11R4 | Mormon Lake | 13 | 18N | 8E | 7350 | |
| 11R3-M | Mormon Mountain | 14 | 18N | 8E | 7500 | |
| 11R1-M | Munds Park | 7 | 18N | 7E | 6500 | |
| 8s4 | N-Bar Lake | 16 | 10S | 17W**** | 8600 | |
| 855 | Negrito | 6 | 10S | 16W**** | 8200 | Gila Not Read Salt-Frisco-Little Colorado Salt Frisco-Gila Little Colorado Not Read |
| 954 | Nutrioso | 23 | 6N | 30E | 8500 | |
| 955 | Pacheta | At Town | of Maver | ick, Ariz. | 7800 | |
| 857 | Redstone Trail | 5 | 11S | 18W | 8600 | |
| 9N1 | Roof Butte | 15 | 8N | 6W***** | 8500 | |
| 10T2 | Rose Canyon | 15 | 12S | 16E | 7300 | Gila Verde Gila-Frisco Gila Salt |
| 11P4 | Snow Bowl | 36 | 23N | 6E | 10,260 | |
| 9S8 | State Line | 6 | 6S | 21W**** | 8000 | |
| 7S1 | Taylor Creek | 20 | 10S | 10W**** | 7850 | |
| 9R3 | Trout Creek | 5 | 7N | 24E | 6400 | |
| 8N1 | Washington Pass | Lat.36° | 05 · N. I.o | ng.108050'W | 8600 | Little Colorado- Not Read Williams Salt-Little Colorado Discontinued Salt |
| 13P1 | Willow Ranch | 16 | 21 N | 11W | 5000 | |
| 10R1 | Woods Canyon | 15 | 11 N | 13E | 7640 | |
| 10S1 | Workman Creek | 33 | 6 N | 14E | 6900 | |

^{*} SOIL MOISTURE STATION ONLY

¥%¥₩ NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

**** NAVAJO BASE

 $[\]mbox{\em 4.4}$ Number indicates Location of SNDW CDURSE WITHIN CDORDINATE RECTANGLE, thus 9N1 is Course #1 in coordinate rectangle 9N.

^{***} ALL IN GILA AND SALT RIVER BASE AND MERIDIAN EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE INDICATED.

 $[{]m M}$ - Soil Moisture Station installed on or in vicinity of snow course.

⁹ UNSURVEYED

⁽p) STORAGE GAGE INSTALLED ON OR IN VICINITY OF SNOW COURSE.

ARIZONA WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

FEBRUARY 1, 1962

SNOW COVER: Snow cover is the heaviest in many years. The deepest snow was measured in the White Mountains at Maverick Fork Snow Course. Snow depth of 56 inches containing 15.8 inches of water was reported; this is the most snow measured on February 1 in this area in the twelve years record. The snow pack in the Heber area along the Mogollon Rim is about twice the average for this date; the Gila River Watershed is also about 200% of average. On the Verde River Watershed the snow cover is only 143% of average. At the North Rim of the Grand Canyon the snow pack is below normal.

RESERVOIR STORAGE: There was a good increase in stored water during January as a result of the high runoff. The Salt River Project reservoirs are now 125% of average and 45% of capacity; San Carlos Reservoir is 114% of average but only 9% of capacity.

SOIL MOISTURE: As a result of the early winter storms, soil moisture is very good, especially at the higher elevations. The western half of the Verde River Watershed, below 5,000 feet, is moderately dry.

STREAM FLOW AND WATER SUPPLY: Good runoff occurred on all streams except the Verde River during December and January. The Gila River flowed 120,000 acre feet at the head of the Safford Valley in the past two months. The Salt River, above Roosevelt Reservoir, produced 102,000 acre feet during the same period. The Verde River flow of 38,000 acre feet was just about normal. As a result of the heavy snow pack and good soil moisture the Salt River is forecasted to flow 550,000 acre feet for the January through May period; this is 199% of average. The Verde River runoff forecast of 190,000 acre feet is just about average. The Gila River at Virden is forecasted to flow 95,000 acre feet and the San Francisco River at Clifton should produce 105,000 acre feet; which is 195% and 232%, respectively, of average. The little Colorado River above Lyman Reservoir is expected to produce 303% of the average flow for the January through June period.



STREAM FLOW FORECASTS - FEBRUARY 1, 1962

The following summarized runoff forecasts are based principally on mountain snow cover and on the assumption that precipitation and temperature will be near average from the present time to the end of the forecast period. Appreciable deviations from normal of temperature and/or precipitation will correspondingly modify these forecasts.

| | | STREAM FL | | | | CRE FEET |
|--|----------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|----------|
| | FORECAS | T PERIOD | RY - MA | Y INCL | USIVE | |
| SUB-WATERSHED, STREAM | Forecast | Percent | | | | |
| and STATION | Runoff | 15-Year | Meas | ured Ru | noff | 1943-57 |
| | 1962 | Average | 1961 | 1960 | 1959 | Average |
| | | | | | | |
| Salt River at Intake | 550 | 199 | 87.0 | 539.1 | 58.7 | 276.9 |
| Tonto River above Roosevelt | 50 | 105 | 6.6 | 111.4 | 6.6 | 47.7 |
| Verde River above Horseshoe | 190 | 99 | 72.6 | 215.8 | 73.5 | 192.4 |
| Gila River at Virden | 95 | 195 | 23.7 | 115.2 | 16.3 | 48.8 |
| Frisco River at Clifton | 105 | 232 | 18.1 | 120.7 | 14.5 | 45.3 |
| Little Colorado River above Lyman Dam * | 20 | 303 | 1.5 | 14.5 | 2.1 | 6.6 |

^{*} Forecast period for Little Colorado River above Lyman Dam is for January - June, inclusive.



STATUS OF ARIZONA RESERVOIR STORAGE - ABOUT FEBRUARY 1, 1962

| SUB- | | USABLE | USAB | LE STORAGE | - 1000s ACR | E FEET | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|---|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| WATERSHED | | CAPACITY | | | | 15 Year | | | | | |
| and/or | | 1000s | 1060 | | | Average | | | | | |
| STREAM | RESERVOIR | AC. FT. | 1962 | 1961 | 1960 | 1943-57 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GILA RIVER SUB-WATERSHED | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | GILA KIVER SOS-WATERSHED | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agua Fria | Lake Pleasant | 163.8 | 12.3 | 27.0 | 47.3 | 22.9 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gila | San Carlos | 1,206.0 | 111.4 | 6.0 | 180.6 | 98.4 | | | | | |
| Verde | Bartlett | 179.5 | 59.1 | 28.0 | 152.0 | 41.4 | | | | | |
| verde | Dartiett | 1.79.3 | J J • ± | 20.0 | 152.0 | -t.Tc. | | | | | |
| Verde | Horseshoe | 142.8 | 3.4 | 8.1 | 104.5 | 12.7 * | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salt | Roosevelt | 1,382.0 | 590.8 | 861.7 | 767.5 | 442.3 | | | | | |
| Salt | Apache | 245.0 | 162.2 | 241.7 | 239.8 | 194.1 | | | | | |
| Sait | Apache | 247.0 | 102.2 | 21.7 | 239.0 | 194.1 | | | | | |
| Salt | Canyon | 58.0 | 56.8 | 52.1 | 57.1 | 33.4 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salt | Saguaro | 70.0 | 65.2 | 50.7 | 66.6 | 28.7 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | LOWE | R COLORADO | RIVER SUB-V | VATERSHED | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Colorado | Lake Havasu | 619.4 | 564.8 | 546.3 | 540.0 | 549.4 | | | | | |
| Colorado | Lake Mohave | 1,310.0 | 1,680.4 | 1,696.0 | 1.780.0 | 1,426.6 * | | | | | |
| 00101440 | | 2,010.0 | 2,000. | 2,000.0 | 1,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | ., | | | | | |
| Colorado | Lake Mead | 27,207.0 | 17,901.0 | 18,978.0 | 19,282.0 | 17,488.0 | | | | | |
| T 4 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Little Colorado | Lyman | 30.6 | 1.2 | 6.7 | 10.3 | 5.9 | | | | | |
| COTOLAGO | Lyman | 30.6 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 10.0 | J. 9 | | | | | |
| Little | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Colorado | Show Low Lake | 5.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 5.1 | ~ • | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

^{*} Average is for less than 15 years of record in the 1943-57 period.



WATER SUPPLY INVENTORY

SALT RIVER VALLEY SYSTEM

February 1, 1962

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2,500,000

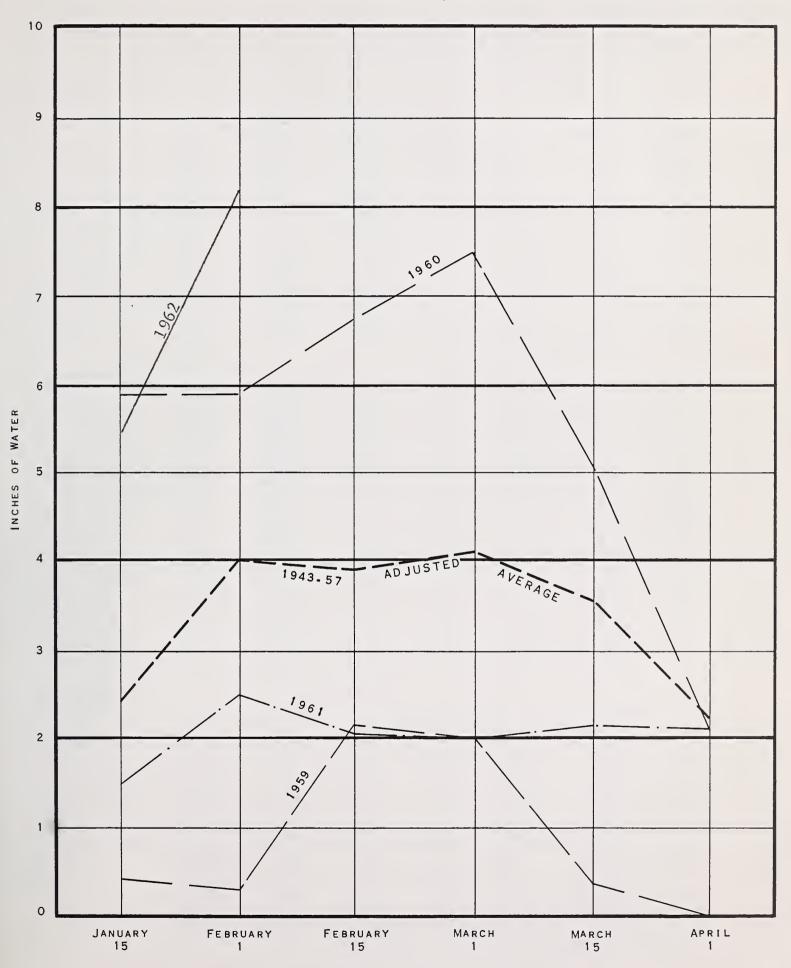
| ET | 2,000,000 | | ANTICIPATED | 1962 SUPPLY * |
|-----|-----------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| स स | | AVERAGE SUPPLY | | Average Summer Runoff |
| RE | 1,500,000 | FEBRUARY 1 | | |
| A C | | Average Summer Runoff | | Forecasted Runoff (January-May) |
| | 1,000,000 | Average Spring Runoff | ////////////////////////////////////// | |
| | 500,000 | /////// /////// Average /////// Storage /////// | ////////////////////////////////////// | Present Storage |
| | 0 | /////// /////// | //////// //////// //////// | |

^{*} Based on present Storage + Forecasted Spring runoff + Average Summer runoff.



RELATIVE SNOW WATER ACCUMULATION ARIZONA

FEBRUARY 1, 1962



This graph represents the average snow water content on eleven selected snow courses on Arizona Sub-Watersheds.



| | ····· | | - | SN | OW COVER I | MEASUREN | MENTS | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------|---------|------------|----------|--|-------------|
| SUB-WATERSHED | | | | 1962 | - | | PAST RECO | ORD |
| and | | | Date | Snow | Water | Water | the same of the sa | (Inches) |
| SNOW COURSE | | | of | Depth | Content | | | 1943-57 |
| | No. | Elev. | Survey | (In.) | (In.) | 1961 | 1960 | Average |
| GILA RIVER | | | | | | | | |
| Redstone Trail | 8 S 7 | 8600 | 1/30 | 39 | 12.0 | 9.6 | gan (am am | |
| Nutrioso | 984 | 8500 | 1/30 | 19 | 4.3 | 1.8 | 3.9 | 2.0 |
| Bear Wallow | 10T1 | 8100 | 1/30 | 42 | 14.5 | 1.8 | 10.7 | 3.2 ** |
| Frisco Divide | 8S1-M | 8000 | 1/31 | 19 | 4.0 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 2.1 |
| Ice King | 886 | 8000 | 1/30 | 31 | 7.6 | 5.1 | | |
| State Line | 988 | 8000 | 1/31 | 24 | 4.8 | 2.0 | 5.2 | 2.5 |
| Coronado Trail | 9S 7 | 8000 | 1/30 | 25 | 5.2 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 2.6 |
| Beaver Head | 986 | 8000 | 1/30 | 32 | 8.3 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 2.9 |
| Taylor Creek | 751 | 7850 | 1/30 | 3 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.6 |
| Inman | 7S2 | 7800 | 1/30 | 4 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.6 ** |
| Rose Canyon | 10T2 | 7 300 | 1/30 | 31 | 11.2 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 1.7 ** |
| Mogollon | 8S2 | 7000 | 1/31 | 15 | 5.4 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 1.0 ** |
| SALT RIVER | | | | | | | | |
| Ft. Apache * | 9R5 | 9160 | 1/29 | 49 | 13.3 | 4.2 | 9.0 | 6.9 ** |
| Baldy * | 981 | 9125 | 1/29 | 49 | 13.7 | 4.2 | 9.1 | 6.5 ** |
| Maverick Fork | 9S2 | 9050 | 1/29 | 56 | 15.8 | 4.7 | 10.9 | 7.6 ** |
| Nutrioso | 984 | 8500 | 1/30 | 19 | 4.8 | 1.8 | 3.9 | 2.0 |
| Coronado Trail | 987 | 8000 | 1/30 | 2.5 | 5.2 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 2.6 |
| Beaver Head | 986 | 8000 | 1/30 | 32 | 8.3 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 2.9 |
| Pacheta | 985 | 7800 | 2/1 | 32 | 9.0 | 1.0 | 9.9 | 3.5 ** |
| Gentry | 10R5 | 7600 | 1/30 | 25 | 6.4 | 1.3 | 6.8 | 3.5 ** |
| Heber | 10R4 | 7600 | 1/30 | 27 | 7.3 | 1.7 | 6.4 | 3.6 ** |
| Canyon Creek #2 | 10R7-M | 7500 | 1/30 | 26 | 6.7 | 1.6 | 6.7 | 700 VAN AND |
| McNary | 9R2-M | 7200 | 1/31 | 29 | 5.4 | 1.2 | 6.3 | 2.7 |
| Milk Ranch | 9R1 | 7000 | 1/31 | 24 | 6.0 | 1.0 | | 2.0 |
| Workman Creek | 1081 | 6900 | 1/31 | 43 | 13.8 | 2.1 | | 4.4 ** |
| Forest Dale | 10R6 | 6430 | 1/31 | 23 | 5.5 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 |
| VERDE RIVER | | | | | | | | |
| Snow Bowl | 11P4 | 10260 | | rt Dela | yed | 3.6 | COL 874 COL | ** *** |
| Happy Jack | 11R5 | 7630 | 2/1 | 22 | 5.0 | 2.1 | 4.7 | 4.5 ** |
| Gaddes Canyon | 12R4 | 7600 | 1/31 | 29 | 7.8 | 2.2 | 7.4 | |
| Mormon Mountain | 11R3-M | 7500 | 1/31 | 30 | 9.0 | 2.7 | 6.8 | 7.2 *** |
| Mormon Lake * | 11R4 | 7350 | 1/31 | 29 | 7.6 | 2.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 *** |
| Fort Valley * | 11P2 | 7350 | 1/31 | 16 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 3.0 ** |
| Mingus Mountain | 12R3 | 7100 | 1/31 | 10 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 1.8 ** |
| Chalender | 12P1-M | 7100 | 1/31 | 21 | 5.4 | 1.9 | 3.7 | 3.5 *** |
| Casner Park | 11R2-M | 6930 | 1/31 | 28 | 7.8 | 2.0 | 4.2 | 4.6 ** |
| Munds Park | 11R1-M | 6500 | 1/31 | 20 | 5.7 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 3.4 ** |
| Iron Springs * | 12R2 | 6200 | 1/29 | 10 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 1.7 ** |
| Camp Wood | 12R1 | 5700 | керо | rt Dela | yea | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 % |

^{*} On Adjacent Drainage ** 1943-57 Adjusted Average



ARIZONA SNOW SURVEYS - ABOUT FEBRUARY 1, 1962

| | | | | S | NOW COVER | MEASURI | EMENTS | |
|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| SUB-WATERSHED | | | | 1962 | | I | PAST REC | |
| and | | | Date | Snow | Water | Water | Content | (Inches) |
| SNOW COURSE | | | of | Depth | Content | | | 1943-57 |
| | No. | Elev. | Survey | (In.) | (In.) | 1961 | 1960 | Average |
| WILLIAMS RIVER | | | | | | | | |
| Iron Springs | 12R2 | 6200 | 1/29 | 10 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 1.7 ** |
| Camp Wood * | 12R1 | 5700 | • | rt Delay | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 ** |
| Willow Ranch | 13P1 | 5000 | 1/31 | T | T | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 ** |
| LOWER COLORADO R | IVER | | | | | | | |
| Bright Angel | 12N1 | 8400 | 1/29 | 29 | 6.3 | 2.6 | | 7.6 ** |
| Grand Canyon | 11P1 | 7500 | 1/31 | 15 | 5.2 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 2.7 ** |
| Fort Valley | 11P2 | 7350 | 1/31 | 16 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 3.0 ** |
| Chalender * | 12P1-M | 7100 | 1/31 | 21 | 5.4 | 1.9 | 3.7 | 3.5 ** |
| LITTLE COLORADO E | RIVER | | | | | | | |
| Ft. Apache | 9R5 | 9160 | 1/29 | 49 | 13.3 | 4.2 | 9.0 | 6.9 ** |
| Baldy | 951 | 9125 | 1/29 | 49 | 13.7 | 4.2 | 9.1 | 6.5 ** |
| Nutrioso | 954 | 8500 | 1/30 | 19 | 4.8 | 1.8 | 3.9 | 2.0 |
| Happy Jack * | 11R5 | 7630 | 2/1 | 22 | 5.0 | 2.1 | 4.7 | 4.5 ** |
| Gentry | 10R5 | 7600 | 1/30 | 25 | 6.4 | 1.3 | 6.8 | 3.5 ** |
| Heber | 10R4 | 7600 | 1/30 | 27 | 7.3 | 1.7 | 6.4 | 3.6 ** |
| Canyon Creek #2 | 10R7-M | 7500 | 1/30 | 26 | 6.7 | 1.6 | 6.7 | |
| Mormon Mountain | 11R3-M | 7500 | 1/31 | 30 | 9.0 | 2.7 | 6.8 | 7.2 ** |
| Mormon Lake | 11R4 | 7350 | 1/31 | 29 | 7.6 | 2.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 ** |
| Fort Valley | 11P2 | 7350 | 1/31 | 16 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 3.0 ** |
| McNary | 9R2-M | 7200 | 1/31 | 29 | 5.4 | 1.2 | 6.3 | 2.7 |
| Forest Dale | 10R6 | 6430 | 1/31 | 23 | 5.5 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 |
| | | | | | | | | |

^{*} On Adjacent Drainage ** 1943-57 Adjusted Average

DELAYED REPORT RECEIVED SINCE LAST BULLETIN - JANUARY 15, 1962

SALT RIVER

Workman Creek 10S1 6900 1/17 25 8 3



LIST OF SNOW SURVEYORS

SNOW COURSE SURVEYOR Baldy ----- SCS and SRVWUA

Bear Wallow ----- Forest Service - David Park
Beaver Head ----- N. A. Josh
Bright Angel ----- National Park Service

Camp Wood ----- Mrs. C. C. Merritt
Canyon Creek #2 --- SCS and SRVWUA
Casner Park ----- SCS and SRVWUA

Chalender ----- Forest Service - MacIntyre

Coronado Trail ---- Forest Service - Bill Brainard & W. L. Sanders Forest Dale ----- Fort Apache Reservation - Boyer and Endfield

Frisco Divide ----- Forest Service - Joe Clayton

Ft. Apache ----- SCS and SRVWUA

Fort Valley ----- Rocky Mountain Forest & Range Experiment Station

Gaddes Canyon ---- SCS - Bill Gray Gentry ---- SCS and SRVWUA

Grand Canyon ----- National Park Service - Robt. Heyder

Happy Jack ----- Emil O. Ryberg
Heber ----- SCS and SRVWUA
Ice King ----- James R. Wray
Inman ----- C. H. McCauley
Iron Springs ----- Ernest Saxby

McNary ----- Fort Apache Reservation - Boyer and Endfield

Maverick Fork ----- SCS and SRVWUA

Milk Ranch ----- Fort Apache Reservation - Boyer and Endfield

Mingus Mountain --- SCS - Bill Gray Mogollon ---- James R. Wray Mormon Lake ---- SCS and SRVWUA Mormon Mountain --- SCS and SRVWUA Munds Park ----- SCS and SRVWUA

Nutrioso ----- Forest Service - Bill Brainard & W. L. Sanders

Pacheta ----- Foch Phillips
Redstone Trail ---- James R. Wray
Rose Canyon ----- Forest Service

Rose Canyon ----- Forest Service - David Park
Snow Bowl ----- Forest Service - Jay Shoemaker
State Line ----- Forest Service - Joe Clayton

Taylor Creek ----- C. H. McCauley Willow Ranch ----- Tiny Miller

Workman Creek ----- Rocky Mountain Forest & Range Experiment Station



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Data included in this report were obtained by the agencies named above in cooperation with the Federal, State and private organizations listed on the last page of this report.

FEB. 15, 1962

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

To Recipients of Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Fortunately, most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from fore-knowledge of the runoff.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, about 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

By relating snow survey measurements taken over a period of years to spring-summer runoff during the same period, relationships have been developed which make it possible to forecast seasonal runoff several months in advance of occurrence. In order to make a forecast, once a forecast relationship has been developed, the maximum snow water content at previously selected key snow courses is usually entered in the forecast relationship. More accurate forecasts are often obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast relationships.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions.

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for

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(Salt, Verde, Gila and Part of Lower Colorado River Basin)

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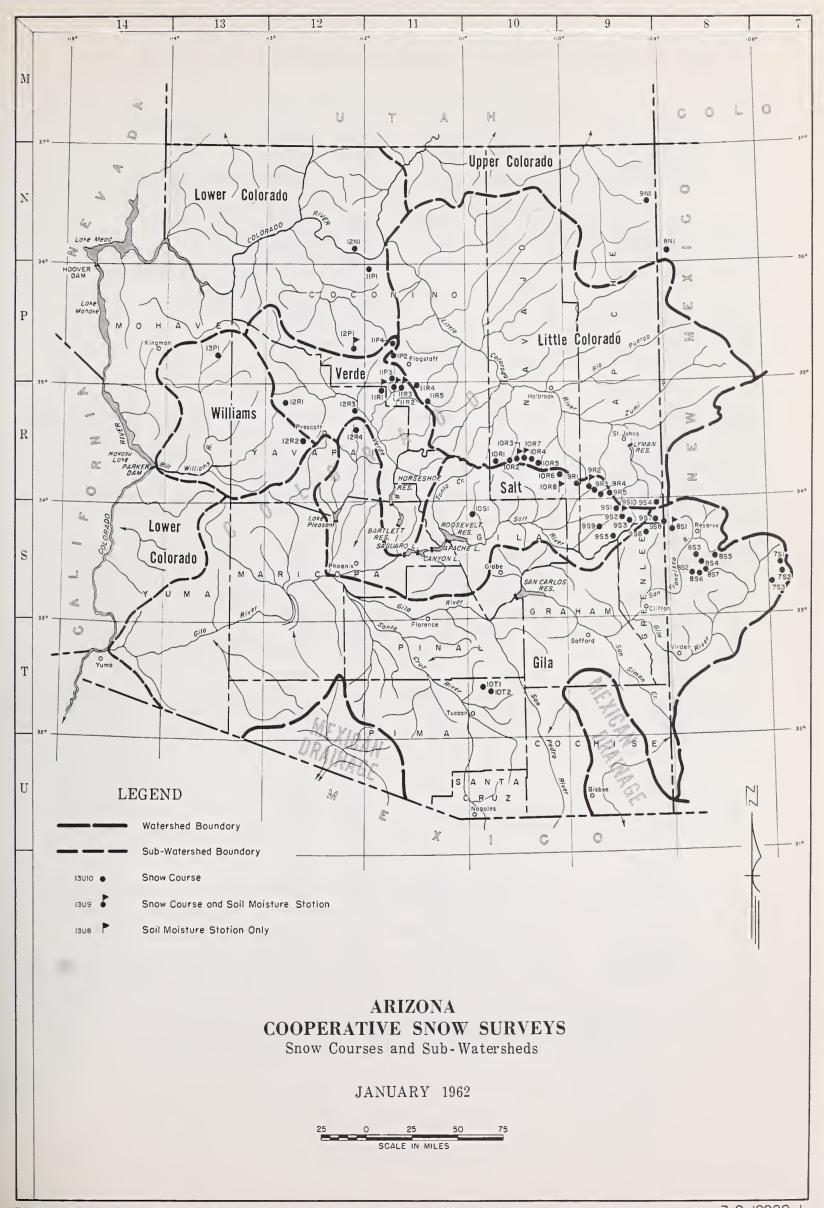
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INDEX to SNOW COURSES and SOIL MOISTURE STATIONS

| NUMBER 3€8 | NAME | SEC | TWP | RGE 10146 | ELEVATION | RIVER BASIN |
|---|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 11P3 9S1 10T1 9S6 9S3 | Antelope Park Baldy (p) Bear Wallow Beaver Head Big Lake Knoll | 29 28 6 13 2 | 19N 7N 12S 4N 5N | 8E 27E 16E 30E 28E | 7300 9125 8100 8000 8800 | VerdeDiscontinued Salt-Little Colorado Gila Salt-Frisco Salt-Frisco-Little Colorado Discontinued |
| 7S3 9S10-* 12N1 12R1 10R3-M | Black Canyon Black River Divide Bright Angel Camp Wood Canyon Creek | 34 3 | 13S 6N 33N 16N 11N | 11W**** 27E 3E 6W 15E | 6790 9100 8400 5700 7500 | GilaDiscontinued Salt-Little Colorado Lower Colorado Williams-Verde Salt-Little ColoradoReplaced by 10R7-M |
| 10R7-M | Canyon Creek #2 | 18 | 11N | 15E | 7500 | Salt-Little Colorado Verde Verde Salt Salt Not Read |
| 11R2-M | Casner Park | 19 | 18N | 8E | 6930 | |
| 12F1-M | Chalender | 27 | 22N | 3E | 7100 | |
| 10R8-* | Corduroy Creek | Lat.34% | 07'N. Lon | g.110°08'W. | § 6000 | |
| 9S9 | Corn Creek (p) | Lat.33% | 15'N. Lon | g.109°45'W. | § 7730 | |
| 8S3 | Corner Mountain | 7 | 10S | 17W**** | 8850 | Gila-Frisco Not Read Salt-Frisco Salt-Little ColoradoDiscontinued Salt-Little Colorado Verde-Little Colorado |
| 9S7 | Coronado Trail | 26 | 5N | 30E | 8000 | |
| 1OR2 | Elk | 31 | 11N | 1LE | 7600 | |
| 1OR6 | Forest Dale | 2 | 9N | 21E | 6430 | |
| 11P2 | Fort Valley | 22 | 22N | 6E | 73 50 | |
| 9R5 | Ft. Apache | 18 | 7N | 27E | 9160 | Salt-Little Colorado |
| 8S1-M | Frisco Divide | 31 | 6S | 20W**** | 8000 | Frisco-Gila |
| 12R4 | Gaddes Canyon | 11 | 15N | 2E | 7600 | Verde-Agua Fria |
| 10R5 | Gentry | 36 | 11N | 15E | 7600 | Salt |
| 11P1 | Grand Canyon | 21 | 30N | 4E | 7 500 | Lower Colorado |
| 11R5 | Happy Jack | 30 | 17N | 9E | 7630 | Verde |
| 10R4 | Heber (p) | 28 | 11N | 15E | 7600 | Salt-Little Colorado |
| 8S6 | Ice King | 6 | 11S | 18W | 8020 | Frisco-Gila |
| 7S2 | Inman | 6 | 11S | 10W**** | 7800 | Gila |
| 12R2 | Iron Springs | 22 | 14N | 3W | 6200 | Williams-Verde |
| 952 | Maverick Fork (p) | 13 | 6n | 2 7 E | 9050 | Salt Salt Not Read Salt-Little Colorado Salt Verde-Agua Fria |
| 9R4 | McKay Peak | 13 | 7n | 24E | 8250 | |
| 9R2 - M | McNary | 14 | 8n | 23E | 7200 | |
| 9R1 | Milk Ranch | 28 | 8n | 2 3 E | 7000 | |
| 12R3 | Mingus Mountain | 3 | 15n | 2E | 7100 | |
| 852 | Mogollon | 2 | 115 | 19W**** | 7000 | Frisco-Gila Verde-Little Colorado Verde Verde Gila |
| 11R4 | Mormon Lake | 13 | 18N | 8E | 7350 | |
| 11R3-M | Mormon Mountain | 14 | 18N | 8E | 7500 | |
| 11R1-M | Munds Park | 7 | 18N | 7E | 6500 | |
| 8S4 | N-Bar Lake | 16 | 10S | 17W**** | 8600 | |
| 855 | Negrito | 6 | 10S | 16W**** | 8200 | Gila Not Read Salt-Frisco-Little Colorado Salt Frisco-Gila Little Colorado Not Read |
| 954 | Nutrioso | 23 | 6N | 30E | 8500 | |
| 955 | Pacheta | At Town | of Maver | rick, Ariz. | 78 00 | |
| 857 | Redstone Trail | 5 | 11S | 18W | 8600 | |
| 9N1 | Roof Butte | 15 | 8N | 6W**** | 850 0 | |
| 10T2 | Rose Canyon | 15 | 12S | 16E | 7300 | Gila Verde Gila-Frisco Gila Salt Not Read |
| 11P4 | Snow Bowl | 36 | 23N | 6E | 10,260 | |
| 9S8 | State Line | 6 | 6S | 21W*** | 8000 | |
| 7S1 | Taylor Creek | 2 0 | 10S | 10W*** | 7850 | |
| 9R3 | Trout Creek | 5 | 7N | 24E | 6400 | |
| 8N1 | Washington Pass | Lat.369 | PO5'N. 10 | ng.108°50'W | 8600 | Little Colorado- Not Read Williams Salt-Little Colorado Discontinued Salt |
| 13P1 | Willow Ranch | 16 | 21N | 11W | 5000 | |
| 10R1 | Woods Canyon | 15 | 11N | 13E | 7640 | |
| 10S1 | Workman Creek | 33 | 6N | 14E | 6900 | |

^{*} SOIL MOISTURE STATION ONLY

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^{***} ALL IN GILA ANO SALT RIVER BASE ANO MERIOIAN EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE INOICATEO.

 $[{]m M}$ Soil Moisture Station installed on or in vicinity of snow course.

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ARIZONA WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

FEBRUARY 15, 1962

SNOW COVER: All stations showed a decline in snow cover since February 1. The greatest decrease in snow pack occurred at the lower elevations where rain accompanied the warm temperatures. On most snow courses there is free water under the snow. Snow pack on the Salt River Watershed is 170% of average; on the Verde River 140% of average, and on the Gila River 165% of average.

RESERVOIR STORAGE: Heavy January and February runoff has greatly increased reservoir storage throughout the state. Salt River Project reservoirs have gained over 100,000 acre feet since February 1. They are now 50% of capacity and 136% of average. San Carlos Reservoir in the same period gained 30,000 acre feet; although only at 12% of capacity it is 130% of average for February 15.

STREAM FLOW AND WATER SUPPLY: Warm temperatures and light rain resulted in high runoff on the Verde River Watershed. Since February 1, the Verde River has produced 51,500 acre feet, hitting a peak discharge of 12,000 cubic feet per second on February 13. Less rain was reported on the Salt River Watershed, and runoff resulted primarily from snow melt at the lower elevations. No high peaks occurred, but steady moderate flow produced 59,000 acre feet the first two weeks of February. Current stream flow forecasts are 165% of average for the Salt River Valley, and about three times average on the Gila and Little Colorado Rivers.

SOIL MOISTURE: At intermediate and high elevations in the state, soil moisture is excellent; at the lower elevations soil moisture is fair. Future storms in February should produce good runoff yields.

PRECIPITATION: Mr. Paul C. Kangeiser of the U. S. Weather Bureau reports all key stations in Arizona measured above normal precipitation during January. So far in February above normal conditions were experienced on the Verde River Watershed and slightly below normal on the Salt River and Gila River Watersheds.



STREAM FLOW FORECASTS - FEBRUARY 15, 1962

The following summarized runoff forecasts are based principally on mountain snow cover and on the assumption that precipitation and temperature will be near average from the present time to the end of the forecast period. Appreciable deviations from normal of temperature and/or precipitation will correspondingly modify these forecasts.

| | SEASONAL | STREAM FL | NI WO. | THOUSAN | DS OF | ACRE FEET |
|--|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------|-----------|
| | FORECAS | T PERIOD | FEBRU | ARY - M | AY IN | CLUSIVE |
| SUB-WATERSHED, STREAM | Forecast | Percent | | | | |
| and STATION | Runoff | 15-Year | Meas | ured Ru | noff | 1943-57 |
| | 1962 | Average | 1961 | 1960 | 1959 | Average |
| | | | | | | |
| Salt River at Intake | 440.0 | 194 | 75.9 | 378.0 | 47.6 | 226.4 |
| Tonto River above Roosevelt | 40.0 | 123 | 5.5 | 52.6 | 5.5 | 32.6 |
| Verde River above Horseshoe | 205.0 | 129 | 58.8 | 163.0 | 59.6 | 158.4 |
| Gila River at Virden | 90.0 | 255 | 17.8 | 77.0 | 11.8 | 35.3 |
| Frisco River at Clifton | 90.0 | 298 | 13.9 | 73.4 | 10.9 | 30.2 |
| Little Colorado River above Lyman Dam * | 19.0 | 312 | 1.1 | 14.0 | 1.4 | 6.1 |

^{*} Forecast period for Little Colorado River above Lyman Dam is for February - June, inclusive.



STATUS OF ARIZONA RESERVOIR STORAGE - ABOUT FEBRUARY 15, 1962

| SUB- | | USABLE | US/ | BLE STORAGE | - 1000s ACF | RE FEET |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| WATERSHED | | CAPACITY | | | | 15-Year |
| and/or | DECEDIATE | 1000s | 1000 | 1061 | 1000 | Average |
| STREAM | RESERVOIR | ACRE FT. | 1962 | 1961 | 1960 | 1943-57 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | GILA RIVE | R SUB-WATER | RSHED | | |
| Agua Fria | Lake Pleasant | 163.8 | 13.5 | 26.9 | 48.4 | 23.5 |
| Gila | San Carlos | 1,206.0 | 140.4 | 8.6 | 199.4 | 100.8 |
| Verde | Bartlett | 179.5 | 73.3 | 32.6 | 139.4 | 49.4 |
| Verde | Horseshoe | 142.8 | 34.9 | 7.4 | 117.6 | 11.1 * |
| Salt | Roosevelt | 1,382.0 | 640.9 | 860.6 | 811.9 | 434.7 |
| Salt | Apache | 245.0 | 170.7 | 239.2 | 240.5 | 200.9 |
| Salt | Canyon | 58.0 | 56.4 | 50.7 | 57.8 | 37.7 |
| Salt | Saguaro | 70.0 | 65.5 | 56.1 | 67.2 | 33.6 |
| | | | | | | |
| | LOW | ER COLORADO | RIVER SUB- | WATERSHED_ | | |
| Colorado | Lake Havasu | 619.4 | 545.4 | 535.1 | 540.4 | 552.6 |
| Colorado | Lake Mohave | 1,810.0 | 1,745.6 | 1,709.0 | 1,762.0 | 1,441.1 * |
| Colorado | Lake Mead | 27,207.0 | 17,907.0 | 18,892.0 | 19,232.0 | 17,200.0 |
| Little Colorado | Lyman | 30.6 | 1.9 | 6.8 | 10.5 | 6.1 |
| Little Colorado | Show Low Lake | 5.1 | 4.7 | 0.1 | 5.1 | |

^{*} Average is for less than 15 years of record in the 1943-57 period.

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WATER SUPPLY INVENTORY

SALT RIVER VALLEY SYSTEM

February 15, 1962

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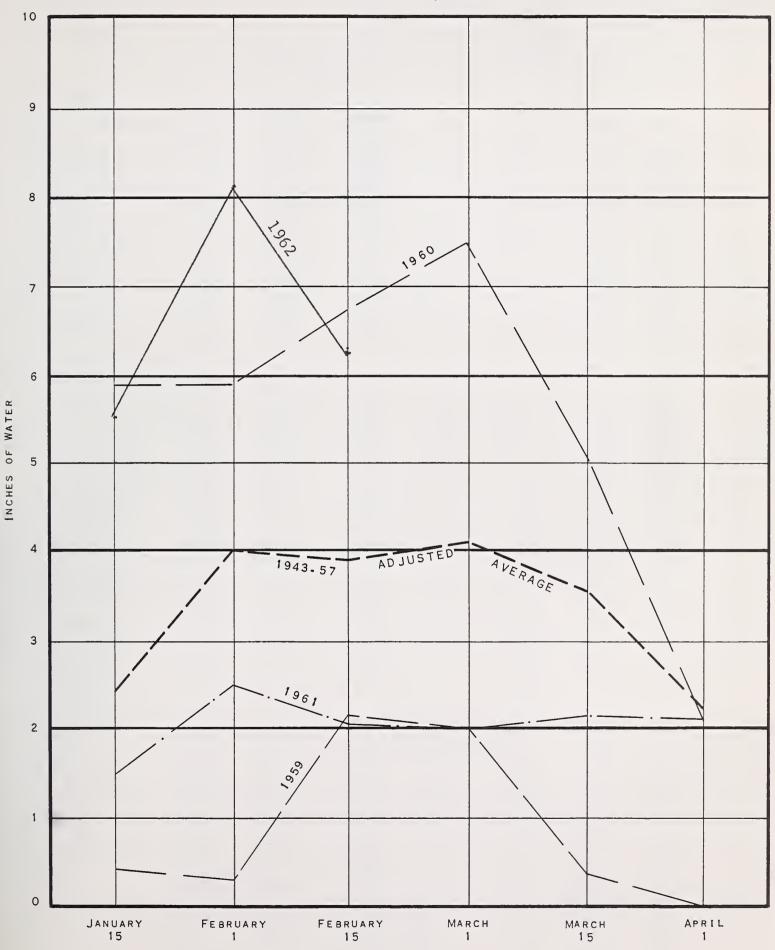
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|------|-----------|---|--|
| 四田 | | AVERAGE SUPPLY | Average Summer Runoff |
| ACRE | 1,500,000 | on FEBRUARY 15 | Forecasted Runoff (February-May) |
| | 1,000,000 | Average Summer Runoff Average Spring Runoff | ////// ////// ////// |
| | 500,000 | /////// Average /////// Storage /////// | ////// Present ////// Storage ////// ////// |
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^{*} Based on present Storage + Forecasted Spring runoff + Average Summer runoff.



RELATIVE SNOW WATER ACCUMULATION ARIZONA

FEBRUARY 15, 1962



This graph represents the average snow water content on eleven selected snow courses on Arizona Sub-Watersheds.

| | | | | S | NOW COVER | MEASUR | EMENTS | Profession and State of State |
|-----------------|--------------|-------|--------|--------------|-----------|--------|---------|---|
| SUB-WATERSHED | | | | 1962 | | | PAST RE | CORD |
| and | | | Date | Snow | Water | Water | Content | (Inches) |
| SNOW COURSE | | | of | Depth | Content | | | 1943-57 |
| | No. | Elev. | Survey | (In.) | (In.) | 1961 | 1960 | Average |
| GILA RIVER | | | | | | | | |
| Redstone Trail | 8 S 7 | 8600 | 2/13 | 37 | 14.6 | 6.3 | | |
| Nutrioso | 954 | 8500 | 2/15 | 8 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 1.9 |
| Bear Wallow | 10T1 | 8100 | 2/14 | 30 | 11.6 | 0.7 | 10.6 | 2.4 ** |
| Frisco Divide | 8S1-M | 8000 | 2/15 | 9 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 4.8 | 1.7 |
| Ice King | 886 | 8000 | 2/13 | 29 | 10.9 | 4.3 | | |
| State Line | 988 | 8000 | 2/15 | 8 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 6.6 | 2.1 |
| Coronado Trail | 9S 7 | 8000 | 2/15 | 12 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 4.8 | 2.5 |
| Beaver Head | 986 | 8000 | 2/14 | 19 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 5.8 | 2.6 |
| Taylor Creek | 7S1 | 7850 | 2/13 | ${f T}$ | T | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Inman | 7S2 | 7800 | 2/13 | \mathbf{T} | T | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.6 ** |
| Rose Canyon | 10T2 | 7300 | 2/14 | 20 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 1.3 ** |
| Mogollon | 8 S 2 | 7000 | 2/13 | 9 | 4.9 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 1.4 ** |
| SALT RIVER | | | | | | | | |
| Ft. Apache * | 9R5 | 9160 | 2/15 | 40 | 12.7 | 4.1 | 11.1 | 7.3 ** |
| Baldy * | 9S1 | 9125 | 2/15 | 40 | 12.6 | 4.2 | 10.9 | 6.9 ** |
| Maverick Fork | 952 | 9050 | 2/15 | 44 | 14.3 | 5.3 | 11.7 | 8.4 ** |
| Nutrioso | 984 | 8500 | 2/15 | 3 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 1.9 |
| Coronado Trail | 9S7 | 0003 | 2/15 | 12 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 4.8 | 2.5 |
| Beaver Head | 986 | 8000 | 2/14 | 19 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 5.8 | 2.6 |
| Pacheta | 985 | 7800 | 2/14 | 22 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 9.8 | 3.0 ** |
| Gentry | 10R5 | 7600 | 2/14 | 8 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 6.9 | 3.3 ** |
| Heber | 10R4 | 7600 | 2/14 | 12 | 4.3 | 0.8 | 7.5 | 3.5 ** |
| Canyon Creek #2 | 10R7-M | 7500 | 2/14 | 10 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 7.1 | *** *** |
| McNary | 9R2-M | 7200 | 2/14 | 15 | 4.2 | T | 6.6 | 2.2 |
| Milk Ranch | 9R1 | 7000 | 2/14 | 8 | 2.4 | T | 4.9 | 1.4 |
| Workman Creek | 1051 | 6900 | 2/13 | 27 | 11.5 | 1.7 | 10.3 | 3.8 ** |
| Forest Dale | 10R6 | 6430 | 2/14 | ∠ <u>t</u> . | 1.3 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 1.1 |
| VERDE RIVER | | | | | | | | |
| Snow Bowl | 11P4 | 10260 | Repo | rt Dela | ved | 3.1 | | ~ ~ ~ |
| Happy Jack | 11R5 | 7630 | 2/14 | 16 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 4.1 ** |
| Gaddes Canyon | 12R4 | 7600 | 2/14 | 23 | 7.6 | 1.7 | 7.4 | |
| Mormon Mountain | 11R3-M | 7500 | 2/13 | 24 | 7.5 | 1.8 | 7.5 | 6.6 ** |
| Mormon Lake * | 11R4 | 7350 | 2/13 | 18 | 5.8 | 2.0 | 5.3 | 4.8 ** |
| Fort Valley * | 11P2 | 7350 | 2/14 | 11 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 2.5 ** |
| Mingus Mountain | 12R3 | 7100 | 2/14 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 ** |
| Chalender | 12P1-M | 7100 | 2/14 | 13 | 4.7 | 1.5 | 5.4 | 3.2 ** |
| Casner Park | 11R2-M | 6930 | 2/13 | 18 | 6.1 | 1.5 | 5.5 | 3.8 ** |
| Munds Park | 11R1-M | 6500 | 2/12 | 11 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 2.2 ** |
| Iron Springs * | 12R2 | 6200 | 2/12 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 1.3 ** |
| Camp Wood | 12R1 | 5700 | 2/14 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 ** |

^{*} On Adjacent Drainage

^{** 1943-57} Adjusted Average



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| SUB-WATERSHED | | | 1 | 962 | | PAS | T RECC | RD |
| and | and | | Date | Snow | Water | Water Co | ntent | (Inches) |
| SNOW COURSE | | | οf | Depth | Content | | | 1943-57 |
| | No. | Elev. | Survey | (In.) | (In.) | 1961 | 1960 | Average |
| WILLIAMS RIVER | | | | | | | | |
| Iron Springs | 12R2 | 6200 | 2/12 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 1.3 ** |
| Camp Wood * | 12R1 | 5700 | 2/14 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 ** |
| Willow Ranch | 13P1 | 5000 | 2/13 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 ** |
| LOWER COLORADO R | IVER | | | | | | | |
| Bright Angel | 12N1 | 8400 | No | Survey | 7 | No Survey | 11.0 | 8.0 ** |
| Grand Canyon | 11P1 | 7500 | 2/14 | 7 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 3.7 | 2.4 ** |
| Fort Valley | 11P2 | 7350 | 2/14 | 11 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 2.5 ** |
| Chalender * | 12P1-M | 7100 | 2/14 | 13 | 4.7 | 1.5 | 5.4 | 3.2 *** |
| LITTLE COLORADO | RIVER | | | | | | | |
| Ft. Apache | 9R5 | 9160 | 2/15 | 40 | 12.7 | 4.1 | 11.1 | 7.3 ** |
| Baldy | 981 | 9125 | 2/15 | 40 | 12.6 | 4.2 | 10.9 | 6.9 ** |
| Nutrioso | 984 | 8500 | 2/15 | 8 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 1.9 |
| Happy Jack * | 11R5 | 7630 | 2/14 | 16 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 4.1 ** |
| Gentry | 10R5 | 7600 | 2/14 | 8 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 6.9 | 3.3 ** |
| Heber | 10R4 | 7600 | 2/14 | 12 | 4.3 | 0.8 | 7.5 | 3.5 ** |
| Canyon Creek #2 | 10R7-M | 7500 | 2/14 | 10 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 7.1 | en en en |
| Mormon Mountain | 11R3-M | 7500 | 2/13 | 24 | 7.5 | 1.8 | 7.5 | 6.6 ** |
| Mormon Lake | 11R4 | 7350 | 2/13 | 18 | 5.8 | 2.0 | 5.3 | 4.8 ** |
| Fort Valley | 11P2 | 7350 | 2/14 | 11 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 2.5 ** |
| McNary | 9R2-M | 7200 | 2/14 | 15 | 4.2 | T | 6.6 | 2.2 |
| Forest Dale | 10R6 | 6430 | 2/14 | 4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 1.1 |

^{*} On Adjacent Drainage ** 1943-57 Adjusted Average

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| Camp Wood |
| Munds Park SCS and SRVWUA Nutrioso Forest Service - Bill Brainard & W. L. Sanders Pacheta Foch Phillips |
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